under the National Oilseeds Development Project is provided to important soyabean growing states on various inputs and for adoption of improved package of practices through field demonstrations. Financial assitance is released to the States for all oilseeds crops as a whole, and not on sub-project basis.

International Year of Shelter for Homeless, 1987

838. SHRI SURENDRA SINGH THAKUR: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the effects made by Government to achieve the obectives of "IYSH, 1987" during the year 1986;

(b) the physical achievement of the Central Government in the direction of providing shelter to the homeless during 1986;

(c) whether Central Government have made any efforts to avail of financial and technical support from other countries or international organisations to achieve the goal of "IYSH, 1987";

(d) if so, with what results; and

(e) if answer to part (c) above be in negative what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI DALBIR SINGH): (a) and (b) Housing is a State subject. However, all the State Govts./U.T. Admns. have been requested to declare atleast one of their projects as State demonstration Project and identify groups, select programmes of IYSH and examine the financial source for the implementation if IYSH projects. An Apex Committee has been set up at the Centre:—

(i) to identify possible action for the International Year of Shelter for the Homeless;

(ii) to draw up plans and programmes in the country for IYSH:

(iii) to coordinate the activities in the country in connecion with the IYSH;

(iv) to interact with the State level Apex Committees for drawing up effective action programme; and

(v) any other issue considered relevant.

The Housing and Urban Development Corporation has sanctioned 187 schemes as IYSH projects in various States/Union Territories so as to benefit about one million persons.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) and (e). Housing is a continuing activity and efforts have been made to impress donor countries and concerned international organisations for stepping up the assistance in the Housing Sector.

Encouragement to Poultry Farming

839. SHRI HARVENDRA SINGH HANSPAL: *Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE* be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Central Government had recently urged the State Government to encourage poultry farming in their respective states;

(b) whether the Central Poultry Development Advisory Council has since given any directions to the State Government in this regard; and

(c) if so, the details of the measures proposed by the Central Poultry Development Advisory Council?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI YOGENDRA MAKWANA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) The various measures proposed by the Central Poultry Development Advisory Council in its meeting held on 21.1.1987 which required the attention of the State Governments are as under:

1. The State Governments may be again requested for granting the poultry farming for production of eggs and table birds, the status of agriculture specially in respect of electric tariff, land laws, institutional finance and exemption of day old chicks from the levy of sales tax.

2. State/Union Territory Governments may be requested to monitor the informa-